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# Great Lakes United's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

June 11-13, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario

Towards Healthy Communities: Next Steps for the Great Lakes Environmental Movement

## Preliminary Agenda

### Friday

- ◇ Field trips: Cootes Paradise, Bruce Trail, Hamilton Harbor boat tour and more!
- ◇ Hobnob with Canadian Foundation partners
- ◇ Fundraising training
- ◇ Plenaries: Global challenges to the Great Lakes Environmental Movement
- ◇ Reception

### Saturday and Sunday

Plenaries, Strategy Sessions, and Policy Resolutions for the Next Generation

#### ◇ **Biodiversity and Habitat Protection**

The time is right to call for serious alternatives to current natural resource management in the Great Lakes, but in what form? A binational cooperative agreement on habitat protection? A cooperative citizen's vision statement and action plan? ✓

Following coalition member presentations on public forests, fisheries, watershed and wetlands protection, and special places conservation; we will solicit ideas on how and where to change management and stewardship and begin to establish a coordinated plan of action to protect long-term ecosystem health.

#### ◇ **Sustainable Waters**

What has happened since last summer's attempt to export Lake Superior water to Asia? What are the current diversion/export/commodification schemes for Great Lakes surface and ground waters? What is the IJC doing? What can you do?

Presentations will summarize the status of the current IJC reference, legal and trade battles surrounding Great Lakes water export, and the predicted impacts of climate change on water levels.

#### ◇ **Clean Production**

What industries and industrial trends should we be encouraging and subsidizing in the Great Lakes? How can we shift the paradigm from toxic reduction to clean production? How can we deal with our wastes?

Presentations will include information on ecological cost-benefits of cleanups, community ownership of wastes and lessons from Europe to eliminate wastes through product takeback, clean car and clean computer campaigns.

Music! Dancing !!